



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017 at 11:15 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.*

*We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and Loving Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus, our Living Lord, made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming works: among us as the word is read and proclaimed, in our praise and prayers, and in the breaking of bread, that we may know him alive and among us, reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Union Seminary' (2008)

*Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Call on the name of the Lord in praise;

**People: Make known God's deeds among the nations!**

Pastor: Sing to God with joyful songs;

**People: Tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 486

When The Morning Stars Together

*Weisse Flaggen*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Andrew D. Smothers**

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

*John Weaver*



#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

# \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

Choir  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-14

(nrsv, page 56 OT)

*(Following the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

**LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &  
DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S & YOUTH WORSHIP**

**Dr. Springsted**

*Children’s Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 13:8-14  
*(nrsv, page 152 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:15-20  
*(nrsv, page 19 NT)*

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

**SERMON**

**“A Common Quest”**

**Dr. Springsted**

\*HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Dennis*

\*THE NICENE CREED

**Mr. Smothers**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Ms. Bartlett**

*...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**Dr. Springsted**

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (1945)

Harold Friedell  
(1903-1956)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
For when humbly in Your name  
Two or three are met together,  
You are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of You,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

– Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

### \*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

### INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

*"...who forever sing to the glory of your name:"*

### SANCTUS

Weaver

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Communion Prayer continues) "... the mystery of faith:"*

## ACCLAMATION

Weaver



## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A - men.

## BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

**Pastor:** Gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Let us keep the feast.

## DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

## COMMUNION MOTET

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni  
(1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.*

*Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

*(Psalm 149:1-2)*

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 501

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Arfon

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Dr. Springsted**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



\*POSTLUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne

(from *24 Pièces en Style Libre*, Op. 31, No. 2)

(1870-1937)

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*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of  
Herbert P. Stellwagen.*

**Welcome!** We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it.

**Have children?** Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

**MAPC Mission Statement**

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

**Pastoral Staff**

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